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MISSIONS.

Constitution of the Missionary Society

OF THE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist the Parent Society in extending Missionary operations in the United States and elsewhere.

ART. 3. The payment of *one dollar annually* shall constitute any person a member of the Society, and *ten dollars at any one time* shall secure life membership.

ART. 4. The Society shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, whose term of service shall be during the pleasure of the Society, and who shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet annually, at such place as may be appointed for the annual Conference, on the afternoon of the first day of its session :

To confer with the Missionaries employed the previous year within the Conference territory, securing from each of them a *written report* of the *state* and *prospects* of his mission, and of the *amounts collected* by him for Missions, with the *name of each contributor*, to be embodied in the Annual Report of the Society:

To ascertain the Missions proper to be sustained and the number of Missionaries to be employed in the Conference District, to be presented to the Bishop in writing :

To make the necessary arrangements for holding the annual meeting of the Society at some time during the session of the Conference : and

To appoint a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and endorse the report of the Secretary before it is read to the Society.

Art. 6. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, three members shall be necessary to form a quorum.

Art. 7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially absent, when the Vice President shall preside, or, in his absence, a chairman chosen by nomination, without debate.

Art. 8. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially hindered, when it shall be his duty to transmit the records to the place of meeting. He shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and prepare the Annual Report.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all amounts collected for Missionary purposes, in all the stations, circuits, and missions throughout the Conference during the year, forwarding them to the General Treasury, and shall publish a report of the same in such way as the Board shall direct.

Art. 10. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Art. 11. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

At a meeting of the Society in Shreveport, December 27th, 1849, it was resolved unanimously, "that the whole system of Missionary operations in this Conference be made to conform to the following plan, as written out for us by Bishop Capers, to wit:

1. The Missionary Committee of the Conference shall estimate the whole amount which is necessary for the preacher appointed to any mission drawing for support upon the funds of the General Missionary Society.

2. The sum thus estimated shall be drawn for upon the General Treasurer, in quarterly installments, payable in advance of each quarter.

3. The above being the whole amount which any Missionary shall be at liberty to apply to himself ; the friends of the mission paying to him their contributions, he will pay them over to the Conference Missionary Society, or to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, as may be convenient, without delay.

4. The Missionary being thus provided for out of the Missionary Treasury, will be expected and required to use his best endeavors to obtain as much as he prudently can for the Society.

5. At each Conference a Committee of Publication shall be appointed, to prepare the Minutes of the Conference for publication, and in this will be included the Missionary Reports, and especially every single cent which may have been contributed during the year by any person for the support of missions, which shall be sent to every one of our friends, especially to such as have contributed, whether the amount be one hundred dollars or one cent.

Officers of the Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

Rev JOEL SAUNDERS, President.	Rev. LEWIS A. REED, Director.
" R. RANDLE, Vice-President.	" B. F. WHITE, "
" J. C. KEENER, Secretary.	" PHILO. M. GOODWYN, "
" A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer.	" STEPHEN J. DAVIES, "
	" ANDERSON B. FLY, "

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

There are four German Missions in the city of New Orleans. They embrace 221 members and 64 probationers and 335 children under instruction. During the year a church has been commenced, and is now nearly completed, in the Third District. The whole cost of the building will be near $9,000. Of this about $2,000 have been contributed by the missions themselves, and $3,000 by the friends of this mission in other parts of the State ; some $3,000 are still necessary to complete this enterprise.

The Téche colored Mission was served by the Rev. J. T. Fontaine; about 600 slaves are catechised and preached to ; 180 members ; $500 promised to support the work.

The North Rapides colored Mission consists of 154 members and 30 probationers ; 8 appointments ; 800 slaves ; and has been served by the Rev. Uriah Whatley. He reports it to be in a most prosperous condition.

The Franklin German Mission consists of 13 probationers ; 1 sabbath school ; $72 50 were collected for the support of the mission. The German population of Franklin is not sufficiently large to warrant a continuation of this mission.

The Bastrop colored Mission has 4 appointments and 230 members; amount collected on the mission $94 75, and has been served by the Rev. J. L. Wright ; 1000 preached to.

The Winnfield white Mission consists of 60 members and 64 probationers. This work was supplied by the Rev. J F. Bellamy, who reports it to be in good condition.

Sicily Island colored Mission consists of 7 appointments, 65 members, and 400 slaves are preached to. This work was supplied by Rev. Thos. L. Green.

The Bœuf white Mission consists of 4 appointments, 400 hearers, 120 members, 15 probationers, 115 scholars ; and the

sum of $150 were contributed to its support. It was served by the Rev. C. C. McCrary, who reports a blessed revival during the year.

Red River colored Mission. No report.

Grand Cheneire Mission is a domestic mission, situated on the Mexican Gulf shore. There are but three preaching places, 30 white members, 33 probationers and 24 colored members; 1 sabbath school. It is proposed to place it on the list of Circuit. It has paid the past year about $300 toward the support of the Missionary. Joel Sanders, Missionary.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for; by it the Elders obtained a good report; and by a measure of that same faith, we present you, this night, a report from the mission field—that good land of which the Lord hath said, he will surely give it you. Holy men look toward it through the prophetic atmosphere of God's word. So holy men of old waited for the promised Savior.

To the Church God confides the heathen as the property of His own son. He has endowed her with fullness of blessing for their sakes. The resources of godly men surpass those of all other men in the world.

The Missionary impulse is one common to all Christians, in order that their efforts may be not divided or feeble, but may be as strong and massive in their unity as they are spontaneous in their source—that the whole Church might give the Gospel to the whole world.

Wonders may have been effected in the field of Missions when viewed in relation to the force employed; but, absolutely what has been as yet accomplished for the millions of India, the 451 millions of China, and the untold myriads of Africa? We have sent out to those lands Missionaries enough, at least to reconnoitre and make it quite sure that the heathen are actually there in full force. When the Church moves to the salvation of the heathen in the volume and energy with which all Europe went forth to rescue the Sepulchre from the infidel, then she will feel herself in earnest, and nations shall be born in a day.

Christ points her to the great conquest; rallies her divisions; promises to go up with her; offers to wreath every victor with a laurel from his own brow, and declares it to be the first and last aim of his coming to announce the angelic message. He came out of the grave with new authority; he confirmed the great design of his mission, to send into all the world the story of God's love in the death of his son. This purpose, the Holy Spirit has impressed upon every renewed heart, and appeals to the conscience of the Church. And this obligation, undischarged as it is, saddens the heart of Israel, and dims the joy of Heaven. Here and there men have burst away from the lagging ranks of the host, have gone to inhospitable shores and preached the Gospel with an archangel's power and zeal.

These sparks of Heaven have kept alive the hope of a millennial glory. It is known to God alone, what new sense of duty, what new degree of love shall rouse the Church to go forth to the world's salvation. Or, rather, what blows of sorrow and persecution shall scatter the coals from her altars and diffuse those mighty doctrines of light which are the rightful property of the whole earth! It was in the dark hours of her history, when the Church went forth and preached to all the countries then known; and her hour of poverty and opprobrium has proved to be the hour of her faithfulness. Is she now too grand and luxurious, too worldly and slothful, to move in the enterprises of her Lord? or will she, in the beauty of holiness, clad in the gold of Ophir, stand by her King? As the Queen of Sheba, will she come, bringing her train bearing gold and spices, frankincense and myrrh, and place her offerings at the service of the King of Kings?

When the abundance of the sea shall become a tribute to the Savior, the multitudes of camels, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah, then shall the walls of Zion be salvation and her gates praise; the Lord shall be her everlasting light; the people also shall be all righteous and shall inherit the land for ever.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION.

FOR

"JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES."

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the *Juvenile Missionary Society of the Sabbath School.*

ART. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the raising of funds for the purpose of educating Chinese youth in this country, and such other objects as the Society shall direct.

ART. 4. The officers shall be—a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers.

ART. 5. All officers shall be elected for a term of , and no person who is not a member of the Sabbath School, and also of this Society, shall be eligible to any office.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; and in the absence of the President, this duty shall devolve upon the Vice President.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Society; to keep an alphabetical list of all the members; to call the roll at each meeting, and note those absent, and the amounts severally paid in by those present; to enter upon the Minute Book the Treasurer's Report, and such other reports as may be directed by the Society.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all the funds of

the Society, and report the amount on hand and receipts at each regular meeting, and the names of all in arrears.

Art. 9. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, one male and one female teacher, five boys and five girls. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Board to attend to all matters of business during the interval of the regular meetings, for which purpose the Superintendent may call them together.

Art. 10. No money shall be paid out of the treasury except by order of the Society or the Board of Managers.

Art. 11. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society may do so by paying *ten cents* as initiation fee, and five cents monthly thereafter.

Art. 12. This Society shall hold its regular meetings on the first Sabbath of every month. Fifteen shall constitute a quorum. The order of proceedings shall be as follows :

1. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Receiving new members.
3. Calling Roll and receiving Monthly Dues.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

Art. 13. At the last regular meeting of the financial year the Society shall determine the special dispositions of the funds in hand.

Art. 14. This Society shall hold its Anniversary at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall direct.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1880.	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.		Cash.	Dr.*
Carondelet street Church		$316 00		
" " Sabbath School		286 00		
			$602 00	
Felicity street Church		824 90		
" " Sabbath School		86 75		
			911 65	
Moreau street Church				$100 00
First German Mission				183 00
Second " "				170 00
Jefferson City			37 75	
New Orleans Circuit			12 00	
Plaquemine and Grosse-Tête			73 00	
			$1,636 40	$453 00
	OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.			
Opelousas Circuit			$15 00	
New Iberia Station			36 00	
Abbeville Circuit			25 00	
Franklin German Mission				172 50
Pattersonville and Brashear City			62 50	
Thibodaux, to wit:				
To make Mrs. Margaret Mead L. M.:				
F. L. Mead		$20 00		
To make Prof. Calhoun L. M.:				
F. L. Mead	$10 00			
B. F. Reeves $5, R. A. New $5	10 00	20 00		
Collection	24 00		64 00	
Atchafalaya			25 00	
			$227 50	$172 50
	HOMER DISTRICT.			
Homer			$ 73 10	
Minden			180 70	
Farmerville			20 50	
Vernon			28 75	
North Bossier			10 00	
South Bossier			2 00	
Amount forwarded			$315 05	

Amount brougnt forward			$ 315 05
Ouachita, to wit:			
To make Mrs. P. Hodge L. M.:			
G. Gaskin	$5 00		
F. McCormick	5 00		
J. Hester	5 00		
M. Oneal	5 00	$20 00	
To make Mrs. C. Hodge L. M.:			
Mrs. J. Oneal	5 00		
Mrs. C. Ellis	5 00		
Mrs. E. Raynols	5 00		
Mrs. Jane Pipes	5 00	20 00	
To make Miss V. Hodge L. M.:			
John E. Ellis	5 00		
Sundry persons	15 00	20 00	
To make A. Honeycutt L. M.:			
Himself		20 00	
To make Mary Collins L. M.:			
J. H. Chapel	5 00		
E. A. H. Armstrong	5 00		
Peter Collins	5 00		
J. Tatum, Jr	5 00	20 00	
To make Miss Mary C. Armstrong L. M.:			
J. Tatum, Jr	10 00		
Sundry persons	10 00	20 00	
To make Mrs. C. Bayles L. M.:			
R. W. Faulk	5 00		
J. W. Bayles	5 00		
H. Williams	5 00		
Mrs. S. A. Stegall	5 00	20 00	
To make Henry Williams L. M.:			
Sundry persons		20 00	
Public Collection		112 75	
			272 75
			$587 80

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport			$ 100 00
Mansfield			125 00
Pleasant Hill and Colored Mission			241 30
Red River and Colored Mission			28 00
Lake Bisteneau, to wit:			
To make Mrs. L. A. Shebee, L. M.:			
E. P. Harris	$5 00		
A. B. Jones	5 00		
J. A. Tooke	5 00		
C. A. Boult	5 00	20 00	
Collection		10 00	30 00
			$524 30

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Providence and Bunch's Bend			$ 47 00	
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake				$ 250 00
Richmond				360 00
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel			150 00	
Waterproof				632 50
Waterproof Sabbath School, to make Mrs. S. E. Miller L. M. :			20 00	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel				180 00
Winsborough			177 00	
Centreville, to wit :				
To make Rev. E. W. Yaney L. M. :				
Levi Morris	$5 00			
J. F. Baker	5 00			
J. M. Baker	5 00			
A. D. Davis	5 00	$20 00		
To make Levi Morris L. M. :				
Dr. W. C. Aber	5 00			
Wm. Morris	5 00			
John E. Morris	5 00			
Ira King and Dr. A. Thompson	5 00	20 00		
Public Collection	25 00	65 00		
			$ 459 00	$1,422 50

MONROE DISTRICT.

Monroe			$ 42 55	
Bastrop and Colored Mission				$ 94 75
Jefferson			45 45	
Bartholomew, to wit :				
To make Mrs. E. J. Jones L. M. :				
Sundry persons	$20 00			
To make Mrs. M. A. Crawly L. M. :				
Rev. H. B. Price	$5 00			
Dr. T. M. Jones	5 00			
E. E. Jones	5 00			
Arnaud Jones	5 00	20 00		
Collection	3 00	43 00		
Ion			44 45	50 00
Carroll				1,270 00
Delhi				325 00
Columbia			10 00	
Alelexandria	$60 00			
" Colored Congregation	80 05	140 05		
Bœuff Mission				150 00
North Rapides			50 00	
" "				600 00
Evergreen			167 00	
Calcasieu			41 00	
Grand Chenière Mission				300 00
			$ 583 50	$2,789 75

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Annual Contribution of Members	$59 00
Masters Bascom, Nehemia, and Willie Cravens, $1 each	3 00
Miss Annie Lizzie Cravens	1 00
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cravens	5 00
Mrs. Lucy A Goodwyn	5 00
Miss Annie E. Goodwyn	1 00
Misses Fannie L. and Sallie A. F. Trippett, $1 each	2 00
Masters Howard G. and Watson D. Goodwyn, $1 each	2 00
Miss Sophia J. and Masters Joseph S., Fredric F., and Willie F. Adams, $1 each	4 00
Mrs. E. A. Sterling (for China)	5 00
Total from other sources	$87 00
Anniversary at Baton Rouge.	$556 70

RECAPITULATION.

	Cash.	Dr.	
New Orleans District	$1,636 40	$ 453 00	
Opelousas District	227 50	172 50	
Homer District	587 80		
Shreveport District	524 30		
Lake Providence District	459 00	1,422 50	
Monroe District	583 50	2,789 75	
From other sources	87 00		
Anniversary	556 70		
Total	$4,662 20	$4,837 75	
Grand total			$9,499 95
CONTRA.			
By amount paid on Missionary drafts, December 10th	$ 612 50		
By amount paid J. C. Keener, Acting Treasurer, in cash and drafts	4,049 70		
	$4,662 20	$4,837 75	
			$9,499 95

* The amounts in this column were not paid to the Treasurer, but were expended on the work, or otherwise directed.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENTS

FOR 1861.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Carondolet street	$500 00	
Felicity street	500 00	
Moreau street	100 00	
First German Mission	150 00	
Second do do	100 00	
Third do do	50 00	
Fourth do do	50 00	
Jefferson City	100 00	
Algiers	50 00	
Laurel street and Gretna	50 00	
Carrollton	50 00	
Wesley, Soule, and Winan's Chapels	100 00	
Batan Rouge	100 00	
Plaquemine	75 00	
Gros Tête	75 00	
		$2,000 50

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas and Colored Mission	$300 00	
Washington	150 00	
New Iberia	100 00	
Chicot Pass	50 00	
Abbeville	100 00	
Franklin	150 00	
Teche Colored Mission	100 00	
Pattersonville and Brashear City	100 00	
Grand Lake	100 00	
Thibodaux and Napoleonville	150 00	
Calcasieu	100 00	
Grand Chenière	50 00	
Houma and Tigerville	150 00	
Bayou Rouge and Big Cane	100 00	
Simsport	100 00	
		$1,800 00

MONROE DISTRICT.

Monroe	$200 00	
Bastrop	250 00	
Jefferson	100 00	
Island and Wright Chapel	100 00	
Bartholomew	100 00	
Ion	100 00	
Amount forwarded	$850 00	

Amount brought forward	$850 00	
Carroll	200 00	
Delhi	100 00	
Columbia	100 00	
Alexandria	150 00	
Cotile	75 00	
North Rapides	100 00	
Do do Mission	100 00	
Evergreen	200 00	
		1,875 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer	$250 00	
Minden	200 00	
Farmerville	200 00	
Ouachita	150 00	
Vernon	100 00	
Dugdemona	100 00	
Winnfield Mission	50 00	
Montgomery Mission	50 00	
Sparta	50 00	
North Bossier	100 00	
South Bossier	100 00	
		1,350 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	100 00	
Caddo	200 00	
Grand Cane	75 00	
Mansfield	100 00	
Pleasant Hill	200 00	
Natchitoches	100 00	
Sabine	100 00	
Red River	200 00	
Lake Bisteneau	100 00	
		1,175 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Providence and Bunch's Bend	$150 00	
Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou	200 00	
Richmond	200 00	
Wesley Chapel Circuit	200 00	
Saint Joseph	150 00	
Waterproof	300 00	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapels	150 00	
Vidalia	50 00	
Trinity	300 00	
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg	100 00	
Do Mission	50 00	
Winnsboro	200 00	
Centerville	50 00	
		2,100 00

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	$2,050 00	
Opelousas "	1,800 00	
Monroe "	1,875 00	
Homer, "	1,350 00	
Shreveport "	1,175 00	
Lake Providence District	2,100 00	
		$10,350 00

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1861.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Second German Mission	$650 00	
Third do do	650 00	
Fourth do do	500 00	
		$1,800 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Grand Chenière Mission	200 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Montgomery Mission	$200 00	
Winnfield "	200 00	
		400 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Natchitoches	200 00
	$2,600 00

TIME OF TAKING COLLECTIONS.

The month of May was designated as the time for taking up the Collections for Missions in the bounds of the Conference.

MINUTES.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Henry O. White, John C. Faulk, and Alansin W. Moore.

Q. 2.—Who remain on trial?

A.—Baxter Clegg, John W. Hearn, William F. Alexander, Thomas B. Baldwin, remain on trial.

John Rengstorff was discontinued at his own request.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—August Arnold, William McBeath, Henry B. Frazee, were admitted.

Charles C. McCrary was discontinued at his own request. Oliver P. Westmoreland was discontinued. Permission was granted to the Presiding Elder to employ him.

Q. 4.—Who are reädmitted?

A.—William H. Scales, Fredrick White, John S. Davis.

Q. 5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—Philip L. Henderson, from the Tennessee Conference; John F. DeWitt, in Deacon's orders of one year, from the Louisville Conference; William C. Young, from the Ouachita Conference; Wade H. Frost, from the Memphis Conference.

Q. 6.—Who are the Deacon's of one year?

A.—Robert T. Parish, John F. Wynn.

Q. 7.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—August Arnold, William McBeath, Henry B. Frazee.

Q. 8.—What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—John W. Chevis*, Robert T. Williams*, John F. Bellamy, Thomas S. Foster, Charles B. Stuart, Jacob Kile, Stephen Trigarthan.

Q. 9.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Jeptha Landrum, Charles W. Coursey, James E. Bradley, Fredrick W. Traeger, were elected and ordained.

Whitmel P. Kimball, Thomas J. Upton, William D. Stayton, John H. Boult, James T. Fontaine, Dabney P. Cullen, and Charles W. Hodge were continued in the class of the fourth year.

Q. 10.—What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Hezekiah B. Kemp,* William Waldrip*, Thomas Smith, Abraham Pipes.

Q. 11.—Who have located this year?

A.—John W. Mann, Elijah W. Griswold, John H. Boyd, John W. Johnson, were granted a location at their own request.

Q. 12.—Who are Supernumerary?

A.—Philip H. Dieffenwerth.

Q. 13.—Who are superannuated?

A.—Thomas Samford, David Kinnear.

Q. 14.—What preachers have died during the past year?

A.—Benjamin C. Stegall, Samuel Hawes.

OBITUARIES.

Benjamin C. Stegall laid his armor down on the tenth of June, 1860, in his forty-sixth year, and bade farewell to the toils and strifes of earth, to wear the victor's crown and enjoy that rest that remains to the people of God. Brother Stegall was a native of Jasper county, Georgia, where he embraced religion when quite a youth. He died on the same night of the week, and near the same hour in which he embraced religion, in an upper room of his father's house. His brother, J. W. Stegall, and his

* Elected, but not present for ordination.

brother-in-law, R. B. Jones, were present on that occasion, and were present when death accomplished his work on his mortal body.

He remarked to them, a few days before his death, that the same Jesus who converted his soul, in the State of Georgia, was with him still. A friend says: "I made his acquaintance in 1847, in Ouachita parish, where he lived and died. From that time we were intimate friends. He was one of our best men. He had a heart to weep with those that weep, and to rejoice with those that rejoice. He had a word of comfort for all that applied, and many will call him blessed in the great day of accounts. He won the esteem and confidence of all classes. He had exalted views of the Christian Religion. He was an acceptable preacher." This friend was with him during his illness, and at the closing scene, when the chill of death was upon him, he asked him "if his faith was unwavering?" He replied: "Certainly, Brother W., how could it be otherwise?" Thus the good man died, full of faith and hope.

Brother Stegall joined the traveling connection, in the Mississippi Conference, about the year 1837, traveling some six or seven years, and located for a season. He was reädmitted in the Louisiana Conference in 1855, and has been traveling ever since. At the time of his death he sustained a supernumerary relation.

Samuel Hawes was a native of East Baton Rouge parish, Louisiana. He was born in 1819, and born again in 1840. Shortly after his adoption into the family of God, he heard the voice of the spirit inly speak, calling and moving him to the work and office of a minister in the Church of God. He was not disobedient unto the heavenly call, but said in spirit: "Lo! glad I come." The Church recognized the call of God, and duly authorized him to exercise his gifts and graces as a minister in the Church of his choice. For something more than a year he labored in the local relation, but he yearned and panted for a wider field and a more thorough consecration to the work of God. In the year 1842 he was admitted on trial in the Mississippi Conference, and was successively appointed to the Amite, Neshoba, Pearl River, and West Baton Rouge Circuits. Upon the division of the Mississippi Conference, he became a member of the Louisiana Conference, and was appointed to Donaldsonville Station and Preston Mission, in 1853; in 1854, to the New Iberia Circuit; in 1855, to Thibodaux and Napoleonville; in 1856, to Thibodaux Station; in 1857, to Grosse Tête; in 1858, to Plaquemine; in 1859, to Bonidea; and in 1860, to Bartholomew Circuit, where, on the 2d July, 1860, after an illness of twenty-two days, of typhoid fever, he ceased at once to work and live.

Brother Hawes was a courteous Christian gentleman, pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits; and by inno-

cency of life and the beauty of holiness, adorned the doctrine of Christ our Saviour. Genial and cheerful as a companion, warm and faithful as a friend, as a minister he was faithful and devoted. His good report is in the Churches, and his memory, like sweet odor, shall leave a long perfume.

We learn that, from the day of his attack, he was impressed that his sickness was unto death, and said: "The time is come," but murmured not, but said, "God's will be done." The fondest and most endearing ties bound him to earth, but he walked by faith and without fear, trusting all to God. When pious friends, near the closing hour, sang his favorite strains of praise, "Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love," though weak and short of breath, he joined the glad acclaim. And when one said to him, "Whither goest thou?" with the strong confidence and shining hope of the Gospel, he replied: "To a better world." Yes, brethren, he is with the sainted dead, realizing the functions of immortal life. May death find us or the "bannered field," and though we fall writing *vici*, "I have conquered" on our shields. His youthful companion, and two orphan children, thus early bereaved of their best friend, are commended to our sympathy and love.

Q. 15.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A.—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Q. 16.—What is the number of preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations, and Missions of the Conference?

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	White.		Colored.		Loc. Preach'rs.
	MEMB.	PROB.	MEMB.	PROB.	
Carondelet Street	364	24			1
Felicity Street	311	41			2
Moreau Street	112	15			1
First German Mission	90	33			2
Second German Mission	100	15			1
Third and Fourth German Missions	31	16			1
Jefferson City	29	5	14	24	1
New Orleans Circuit	15	6			1
Wesley, Soule, and Winans Chapels			1174	354	
Baton Rouge	124	8	118	15	1
Plaquemine and Gros Tête	38	5	128	110	
	1214	168	1434	503	11

	White.		Colored.		Loc. Preach'rs.
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.	MEMB.	PROB.	MEMB.	PROB.	
Opelousas	233	8	75	8	1
Washington	72	5	10		
New Iberia	87		123		1
Franklin	92	5	60		
Franklin German Mission		13			
Teche Colored Mission			152		
Pattersonville and Brashear City	55	16	66	25	1
Grand Lake	30		80	40	
Thibodaux	40	8	120	30	
Lafourche and Bayou Black	25	2	200	150	3
Atchafalaya	30		70	5	
Abbeville	185	52	75	7	2
	849	109	1031	265	8
MONROE DISTRICT.					
Monroe	88	63	108	117	2
Bastrop and Colored Mission	110	44	140	37	2
Jefferson	60	21	20		
Bartholomew	96	59	60	17	2
Ion	140	105	18	9	1
Carroll	161	200	100		5
Delhi	58	79	26	12	2
Columbia	144	106	23	100	
Alexandria	59	18	150	19	
Bœuff Mission	53	45	12	10	
North Rapides	175	47	45	17	1
North Rapides Mission			154	30	
Evergreen	62	4	34		1
Calcasieu	155	37	46	6	5
Grand Chenière	29	32	24		
	1390	860	960	374	21
HOMER DISTRICT.					
Homer	397	83	139	42	6
Minden	224	86	58	4	1
Farmerville	415	4	159		8
Ouachita	351	75	20		6
Vernon	234	8			
Dugdamona	111	59		5	10
Winnfield Mission	63	69	3		1
Montgomery	49	25		34	1
Sparta	170	47	47	4	2
North Bossier	66	30	4	4	
South Bossier	161	23	167	37	3
	2241	509	597	130	38

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.	White.		Colored.		Loc. Preach'rs.
	MEMB.	PROB.	MEMB.	PROB.	
Shreveport	80	32	67	35	
Caddo	220	125	125	10	6
Grand Cane	105	60	110	40	2
Mansfield	150	26	32		2
Pleasant Hill and Colored Mission	140	68	131		5
Natchitoches	220	85	20	20	4
Sabine	112	10	4		2
Red River and Colored Mission	78	8			2
Lake Bisteneau	111	20	100		2
	1216	434	589	105	25
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.					
Providence and Bunch's Bend	31	3	76		1
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	62	11	52	6	
Richmond	37	68	190	59	
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	75	6	248	96	
Waterproof	51	4	175	12	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	60	8	200	40	2
Vidalia			115	5	
Trinity	70	21	70	57	2
Winnsboro	185	165			3
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg	53	17	14		2
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg Mission			65		
Centerville	227	78	18	3	2
	851	381	1223	278	12
RECAPITULATION.					
New Orleans District	1214	168	1434	503	11
Opelousas District	849	109	131	265	8
Monroe District	1390	860	960	374	21
Homer District	2241	509	597	130	38
Shreveport District	1216	434	589	105	25
Lake Providence District	851	381	1223	278	12
Total this year	7761	2461	5834	1655	115
Total last year	7221	1894	5160	1251	108
Increase	540	567	674	404	7

NUMBER OF SLAVES PREACHED TO.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Jefferson City	150	
Wesley, Soule, and Winans Chapels	3,000	
Baton Rouge	300	
Gros Tête	600	4,050

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	300	
New Iberia	1,000	
Franklin	500	
Pattersonville and Brashear City	300	
Thibodaux	200	
Lafourche and Bayou Black	1,500	3,800

MONROE DISTRICT.

Bastrop and Colored Mission	1,000	
Jefferson	300	
Bartholomew	200	
Ion	300	
Carroll	200	
Delhi	400	
Columbia	600	
Alexandria	400	
Bœuf Mission	50	
North Rapides	100	
Evergreen	200	
Calcasieu	100	
Grand Chenière	50	3,900

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer	1,000	
Minden	300	
Montgomery	500	
Sparta	300	2,100

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	300	
Grand Cane	200	
Pleasant Hill and Colored Mission	1,000	
Natchitoches	150	
Red River and Colored Mission	200	1,850

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	600	
Richmond	1,000	
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	500	
Waterproof	800	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	600	
Vidalia	530	
Trinity	250	
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg Mission	400	4,680

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	4,050	
Opelousas District	3,800	
Monroe District	3,900	
Homer District	2,100	
Shreveport District	1,850	
Lake Providence District	4,680	20,380

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 17.—What amounts are necessary to meet the CLAIMS of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and the Bishop's apportionment?

A.—$1,810

Q. 18.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER:

COLLECTED—Balance from last year	$19 63	
" this year	2,010 26	
		$2,029 89

APPLIED: SUPERANNUATED.

Thomas Samford	$300 00	
David Kinnear	300 00	

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Widow of Henry Page	$150 00	
Orphans of William H. Turnly	145 00	
Widow of Thomas H. Foster	150 00	
Orphan " "	25 00	
Widow of Jones H. Waters	150 00	
Orphan of Byron Benton	40 00	
Widow of Samuel Hawes	75 00	
Orphans "	25 00	
Widow of Benjamin C. Stegall	75 00	
Orphans "	85 00	
Orphan of Thompson C. Tinder	40 00	
Bishops Apportionment	250 00	
		1,810 00

Balance in hands of Committee, in cash, drafts and due bills $219 89

QUARTERAGE CLAIMS, TOTAL ALLOWANCE, TOTAL RECEIPTS, AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PER CENT.

		QUARTER. CLAIM.	TOTAL ALLOWANCE.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	PER CENT. PAID.
New Orleans District	John C. Keener, P. E	$510 00	$2,000 00	$ 2,000 00	$ 80 00
Carondelet Street	Joseph B. Walker	420 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	80 00
Felicity Street	Linus Parker	325 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	80 00
Moreau Street	Robert J. Harp	150 00	1,165 00	1,165 00	50 00
First German Mission	Fredrick W. Traeger	390 00	800 00	650 00	26 00
Second German Mission	John A. Pauly	300 00	600 00		24 00
Third and Fourth German Missions	August Arnold	125 00	500 00	500 00	20 00
Jefferson City	Jeptha Landrum	150 00	456 75	456 75	18 25
New Orleans Circuit	Charles W. Coursey	150 00		350 00	
Baton Rouge	William E. M. Linfield	430 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	60 00
Plaquemine and Gros Tête	Philo M. Goodwyn	380 00	900 00	600 00	29 00
Plaquemine and Gros Tête	Henry B. Frazee	150 00	800 00	650 00	
Centenary College	Almarin G. Miller, Professor				
Centenary College	Henry Avery, Agent				
New Orleans Christian Advocate	Clayton C. Gillespie, Editor.				80 00
Christian Advocate, Nashville	Holland N. McTyiere, Editor				80 00
				$11,871 75	$ 627 25
Opelousas District	Anderson B. Fly, P. E				30 00
Opelousas	Daniel S. Watkins	470 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	25 00
New Iberia	Thomas B. White	325 00	800 00	660 00	26 40
New Iberia	John W. Mann	150 00	180 00	124 00	4 95
Franklin	Benjamin F. White				
Franklin German Mission	John Rengstorff	325 00		272 50	11 00
Teche Colored Mission	James T. Fontaine				

Pattersonville and Brashear City	John A. Miller	300 00	900 00	721 50	28 85
Thibodaux	Robert A. New	150 00	600 00	300 00	12 00
Lafourche and Bayou Black	Stephen J. Davies				
Lafourche and Bayou Black	William McBeath			330 00	25 00
Atchafalaya	John H. Boyd				
				$ 3,408 00	$ 163 20
Monroe District	James A. Ivy, P. E.	150 00	784 00	$ 784 00	$ 29 35
Monroe	Arthur W. Smith	325 00	800 00	478 00	38 00
Bastrop and Colored Mission	James L Wright	425 00	1,080 00	700 00	28 00
Jefferson	Joseph H Stone	150 00	400 00	400 00	17 00
Ion	John C. Pitts	432 00	936 00	832 00	32 28
Carroll	William G. McGaughey		1,250 00	1,250 00	45 00
Carroll	John F. Wynn	150 00	350 00	103 35	14 00
Delhi	Thomas J. Upton	430 00	1,250 00		44 80
Columbia	Robert Parvin	300 00	800 00	472 00	18 90
Alexandria	Nehemiah A. Cravens	415 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	60 00
Bœuff Mission	Charles C. McCrary	150 00	300 00	150 00	6 00
North Rapides	James E. Bradley		500 00	400 00	12 00
North Rapides Mission	Uriah Whatley				20 00
Evergreen	Richard M. Crowson	365 00	900 00	808 00	32 30
Calcasieu	William D. Stayton	400 00		593 20	20 00
Grand Chenière	Joel Saunders	350 00	750 00	600 00	24 00
				$ 9,070 55	$ 441 63
Homer District	Richmond Randle, P. E.		900 00	500 00	$ 20 00
Homer	Samuel Armstrong	689 00	1,000 00	689 00	
Amounts carried forward				$1,189 00	$20 00

QUARTERAGE CLAIMS, TOTAL ALLOWANCE, TOTAL RECEIPTS, AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PER CENT.

		QUARTER. CLAIM.	TOTAL. ALLOWANCE.	TOTAL. RECEIPTS.	PER CENT. PAID.
Amounts brought forward				$1,189 00	$ 20 00
Homer	William F. Alexander	$150 00	$ 150 00	141 00	5 50
Minden	Samuel S. Scott	400 00	1,000 00	800 00	32 00
Farmerville	Charles W. Hodge		500 00	398 00	
Ouachita	Thomas H. McClendon	300 00	560 00	472 00	18 90
Vernon	Fisher T. Rawson	350 00	500 00	396 00	
Dugdamona	John W. Hearne				
Winnfield Mission	Dabney P. Cullen	365 00	600 00	400 00	8 00
Sparta	Moses Davis	380 00	700 00	385 00	
North Bossier	Robert R. R. Alexander	300 00	845 00	320 50	
South Bossier	William D. Shea				
South Bossier	Jesse Fulton	300 00	650 00	650 00	26 00
Homer College	Baxter Clegg, President				
				$5,151 50	$ 110 40
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT	John Pipes, P. E		1,071 00	$ 560 00	$ 21 50
Shreveport	Samuel B. Suratt	174 00	700 00	566 00	22 65
Caddo	John C. Reid	350 00	800 00		
Caddo	James L. Chapman	150 00	150 00	150 00	13 60
Grand Cane	Oliver P. Westmoreland	150 00	350 00		
Mansfield	Alexander E. Goodwyn	325 00	1,128 00	850 00	34 00
Pleasant Hill and Colored Mission	Benjamin F. Alexander	150 00	600 00	600 00	23 10
Natchitoches	Thomas B. Baldwin	364 00	720 00	237 00	9 48
Sabine	Elijah W. Griswold	325 00	688 00	64 85	
Red River and Colored Mission	Samuel J. Hawkins	350 00	1,000 00	570 00	21 85

Lake Bisteneau	John H. Boult	300 00	675 00	308 50	
Mansfield Female College	Henry C. Thweatt, President				20 00
				$ 3,906 35	$ 166 18
Lake Providence District	Lewis A. Reed, P. E.	445 00	1,700 00	$ 1,500 00	$ 100 00
Providence and Bunch's Bend	John W. Johnson	325 00	1,000 00	715 00	28 00
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	Whitmel P. Kimbal	300 00	936 00	736 00	28 65
Richmond	Reynolds Trippett	380 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	60 00
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	Joseph D. Adams		1,500 00	1,500 00	60 00
Waterproof	William J. McFarland				32 30
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	Anthony Cannon	425 00	1,025 00	1,025 00	17 00
Vidalia	Fielding Bell	340 00	700 00	700 00	28 00
Trinity	Charles J. Hallberg	390 00	1,250 00	970 00	38 80
Trinity	Joshua F. Scurlock	150 00	300 00	232 81	9 30
Winnsboro	Thomas J. Lacey	325 00	700 00	700 00	28 00
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg	Uriah Riley	470 00	1,112 00	1,112 00	10 00
Centerville	Robert T. Parish	325 00	600 00	289 00	11 55
Donation from	Captain D. P. Cain				45 00
				$10,979 81	$ 496 60

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	$11,871 75	$627 25
Opelousas District	3,408 00	163 20
Monroe District	9,070 55	441 63
Homer District	5,151 50	110 40
Shreveport District	3,906 35	166 18
Lake Providence District	10,979 81	496 60
Total	$44,387 96	$2,005 26

WIDOWS', ORPHANS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That at this session the Conference will estimate for the year following what amount will be needed to provide for the support of Superannuates, Widows, Orphans and Bishops, and what per centage that amount is of the sum of the entire salaries of the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference will, at its next session, collect of each Preacher such a per cent. upon his entire *receipts* for the year.

Resolved, That the stewards of circuits and stations are hereby requested to add such a per cent. to the salary of each Preacher, and provide for it accordingly.

Resolved, That those works which may be supplied be requested to collect, in the same manner, the same per centage upon the whole amount of their actual receipts, and send up to the next session of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference declare the WIDOWS', ORPHANS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT. FOR 1861, TO BE THREE PER CENT.

Resolved, That the Preachers who have failed to pay their Widows' and Orphans' per cent. be requested to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Resolved, That those members of this Conference who may at any time be appointed to institutions of learning, or special agencies, be required to pay the *Widows' and Orphans' per cent.* upon their actual receipts.

Resolved, That the Preachers, in making their reports of claims and receipts, be required, in case of deficiency, to make a *pro rata* division of the amount received, between quarterage and table expenses; but, at the same time that the stewards of the Conference be instructed not to make any appropriation to make up the defficiency of any effective Preacher, until the claims of the worn-out Preachers, and Widows, and Orphans have been met.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Preacher of a circuit or station, it is advisable to do so, he shall take a collection for the purpose of taking the full amount of the per cent. for which he is responsible.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support be authorized to collect the per cent. of those brethren who have not paid their per cent. this Conference.

REPORT ON PARSONAGES.

PARSONAGES AND THEIR ESTIMATED VALUE.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

First German Mission	$1,800 00	
Fourth "	1,000 00	
Plaquemine	2,500 00	
Baton Rouge	4,000 00	
		$9,300 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	$1,500 00	
New Iberia	2,000 00	
Franklin	2,500 00	
Pattersonville	1,000 00	
		7,000 00

MONROE DISTRICT.

Alexandria	$3,500 00	
Calcasieu	300 00	
Delhi	3,000 00	
Carroll	1,800 00	
		8,600 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Sparta	400 00
Amount forwarded	$ 25,300 00

Amount brought forward		$ 25,300 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Caddo	$800 00	
Red River	500 00	
		1,300 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Richmond	$2,400 00	
Tensas and Elizabeth	1,500 00	
Centerville	400 00	
		4,300 00
Total Value		$30,900 00

MONEY COLLECTED AND EXPENDED FOR CHURCH BUILDING AND REPAIRS, AND PARSONAGES.

	Church Building and Repairs.	Parsonages.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.		
Carondolet street	$ 500 00	
Felicity street	1,040 00	
Moreau street	800 00	
First German Mission	1,477 50	
Second "	1,876 70	
Third and Fourth German Missions	137 25	
Baton Rouge	15,000 00	1,500 00
	$20,731 45	$1,500 00
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.		
New Iberia	$6,000 00	$2,000 00
Franklin		300 00
Pattersonvile and Brashear City		1,098 75
Thibodeaux	125 00	
Lafourche and Bayou Black	226 50	
	$6,351 50	$3,398 75
MONROE DISTRICT.		
Ion	$ 450 00	$894 00
Carroll	7,000 00	
Delhi	1,375 00	690 00
Columbia	700 00	
Alexandria		350 00
Bœuff Mission	150 00	
North Rapides	600 00	
Evergreen	3,100 00	
	$13,375 00	$1,934 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Homer	$1,000 00	

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	$1,500 00	
Grand Cane	2,500 00	
Mansfield	46 00	
Red River and Colored Mission		450 00
Lake Bisteneau	300 00	
	$4,346 00	$450 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	$100 00	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel		$1,500 00
Winnsboro',	2,200 00	
Centreville		293 50
	$2,300 00	$1,793 50

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	$20,731 45	$1,500 00
Opelousas District	6,351 50	3,398 75
Monroe District	13,375 00	1,934 00
Homer District	1,000 00	
Shreveport District	4,346 00	450 00
Lake Providence District	2,300 00	1,793 50
Total	$48,103 95	$9,076 25

EDUCATION.

Q. 19.—What is the action of the Conference on the subject of Education?

A.—The following report, from the Committee of the Whole, was adopted:

The political attitude of the nation places Southern institutions of learning in a more conspicuous light than they have hitherto enjoyed. Here-

after they must be the nurseries of the youth of the South. To make colleges what they should be—of such a grade as to command the attention of the people—concentration, and not expansion of effort, is necessary. We have attempted to build more colleges than our means would admit. Some have ceased to exist; others languish, and only one is out of debt. We think it not safe to encourage any new college enterprises, until those already projected are built up, out of debt, and endowed. The special reports herein embodied give the condition of each institution under our control.

Centenary College, of Louisiana, is owned and patronized jointly by the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences. It is located within the State of Louisiana, but in the bounds of the Mississippi Conference. In the capacity and architecture of the college edifice, it is hardly surpassed in the South. It is well situated to command the patronage of the wealthiest portion of the Gulf States. Six Professorships are now actively filled, besides the two Principalships and two Tutorships, in the Preparatory Department. About two hundred and twenty-five students are now in attendance, even at this early stage of the session—over one hundred of them are in the college proper. Two hundred and sixty-three were enrolled last session, and more still are expected during the present one. The religious condition of the college is excellent. Two special seasons of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord" have been enjoyed during the year. Many of the students have been converted. And we wish to call the especial attention of the Church to the grateful and hopeful fact, that quite a number of the most promising students who belong to the Methodist Church, have entered the itinerant ministry, and the tendency in this direction is constantly increasing. Our Christian colleges are becoming the nurseries of our ministry. The financial condition of the college, owing to the pressure of the times, and other causes, is somewhat stringent. The debt on the college building is about $25,000, and the means for its payment ought to be provided as speedily as possible, as the Board of Trustees is pressed and embarrassed by it. The endowment fund has been raised to about $50,000—$20,000 of it raised during the present year. Professor Scales has been acting as agent part of the time during the summer and autumn, and his success has inspired new hope as to the completion of the endowment. At the present time, the prospect of raising money is not flattering; but we trust for better times, and recommend that the endowment of Centenary College be steadily pushed forward. With an adequate endowment, Centenary would occupy a place in the highest rank of Southern colleges; and it can and must be accomplished. We are not willing that our sister Conference of Mississippi shall outstrip us in support of this noble institution.

Homer College is situated in the town of Homer, Claiborne parish, Louisiana, in the midst of an intelligent, enterprising, and prosperous community, about midway between Ouachita and Red rivers, fifteen miles north of the Vicksburg and Shreveport Railroad. An excellent college edifice has been completed and paid for. One hundred and sixteen students were in attendance during the year. President Clegg has resigned, after faithfully discharging his duty, and Rev. W. D. Shea has been elected in his stead. We respectfully request the Bishop to appoint him to that post. We also request the appointment of an agent for the Endowment Fund. We also recommend the Conference to elect M. O. Cheatham and W. B. Gill to the Board of Trustees, in place of W. B. Eagan and J. H. Cunningham, resigned. Homer College is worthy of the support of the Conference and the Church. The successful management of its financial affairs is worthy of all praise. The Church is deeply indebted to Rev. Richmond Randle for his faithful and indefatigable labors in this behalf.

Pierce and Paine College, at Pleasant Hill, on the line between De Soto and Sabine parishes, Louisiana, conveniently contiguous to Red river, has planned a superior college building, and the wings thereof are now being erected, at a cost of $12,400. The Endowment Fund has been raised to about $50,000, the interest of which is being devoted to building purposes. The financial management of the enterprise has been very good. There is no debt, and not likely to be any. Owing to the drought, and the monetary pressure, but little has been done in the way of raising money during the year. But the basis is a good and sure one. Rev C. P. Cooper, of Georgia, has been contingently elected President, and it is proposed to open the college next autumn. The enterprise is a promising one, and every way worthy of confidence and support. Revs. B. F. Alexander and John Pipes have done a good work, and deserve the thanks of the Conference for their faithful and successful labors as its agents. Two vacancies have occurred in the Board of Trustees during the past year. We recommend the appointment of W. D. Gooch and W. C. Redding to fill said vacancies.

Mansfield Female College, located in the town of Mansfield, De Soto parish, has been in successful operation for more than six years, and deserves an earnest and cordial support on the part of the Church. It is situated in an important and healthy section of the State, in the midst of an intelligent and refined community, and is supplied with the buildings, fixtures and apparatus, necessary to the purposes of its establishment. The institution, from its foundation, has commanded a large patronage. During the past scholastic year there were one hundred and forty-two pupils in attendance; the present session has opened with ninety-five,

and there is every prospect of a large increase. The failure of the crops in the region of country from which it mainly derives its patronage, has, no doubt, to some extent, lessened the number of pupils; yet, there is good reason to believe that the present year, even amid the unpropitious circumstances of a short crop and a pecuniary crisis, will almost, if not altogether, equal the past in prosperity. We regret to state that upon examination of the affairs of the institution, it is found to be involved in considerable pecuniary difficulties. Thirty-five thousand dollars have been expended in its construction, and of this about eight thousand remain to be raised. And unless this be speedily done there is great danger that the institution will pass from the control and management of the Conference, and become permanently private property. This result would be most unfortunate, and we must labor promptly to avoid it. The institution in its past history, has accomplished great good, and its future is, in many respects, most promising. We cherish the hope that the friends of female education and religion will rally to the rescue, and that ere another Conference year shall roll round, it will be relieved from all embarrassment, and allowed to continue uninterrupted in its career of usefulness to the Church and the State. With a choice and efficient faculty, an extensive and thorough course of study, with mild and wholesome discipline, Mansfield College claims the respect and patronage of the public. Annually this institution makes, in her accomplished and refined graduates, a noble Christian contribution to society. Whilst we deeply regret the resignation of the esteemed and worthy President Dr. Thweatt, on account of ill health, we are happy to announce the election, by the Board, of Rev. Charles B. Stuart, to the Presidency—a gentleman peculiarly adapted to the position, of finished scholarship, with experience and reputation as an educator of young ladies, that fully guarantees the future prosperity and success of the institution. We most cordially congratulate the Board on their success in procuring such a man, and respectfully request the appointment of Dr. Thweatt, as agent, in connection with some pastoral work. Two vacancies have occurred in the Board of Trustees of Mansfield College this year, which we recommend to be filled by Rev. H. C. Thweatt and Rev. S. B. Suratt.

Collegiate Institute, Baton Rouge. This popular institution is under the superintendency of Prof. W. H. N. Magruder, who enjoys the well-known reputation of being an experienced and successful educator. Already it contains more than one hundred pupils, and twice that number could be as readily obtained if they could be accommodated. We are happy to say, without hesitation, that the discipline and advancement of the pupils of this institution are unsurpassed. We heartily recommend it to the patronage of the Church and public.

FEMALE SEMINARY, Baton Rouge. This institution was founded more than twenty years ago. Its success has long been a fixed fact. Mrs. Read, the gifted and talented Principal, assisted by a corps of able teachers, gives general and entire satisfaction to its numerous patrons, who are from all parts of the State. Ninety-two pupils were in attendance last year, and the present number is steadily increasing. Young ladies here receive a finished education. It merits a large patronage. We cheerfully recommend it.

THE NEW IBERIA FEMALE INSTITUTE is located in the town of New Iberia, Louisiana. It is a good location for a female high school, being in a wealthy and populous part of the State. By the generosity of a few friends, a suitable house and lot have been purchased, and a title made to a body of Trustees, who hold it for the M. E. Church, South. The school is now in charge of Mrs. Mary A. Davis and her daughter, Miss Ella Davis, teachers who are qualified to make it a thorough school in every department. The following brethren are the Trustees who hold the property: T. D. Richardson, J. Gall, J. B. Reynolds, E. T. Mount, David Riggs, A. M. Hayes, and Dr. J. Schreiner.

The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint William H. Scales agent to Centenary College.

The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge of New Iberia, were appointed to see that the titles to the New Iberia Female Institute be properly executed, so as to secure the control of the Institution to the Louisiana Conference.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.—William E. M. Linfield, Anderson B. Fly.

HOMER COLLEGE.—Philip L. Henderson, Samuel S. Scott, Baxter Clegg.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.—John Pipes, Samuel B. Suratt, Henry C. Thweatt.

REORGANIZATION OF THE JOINT BOARD OF CENTENARY COLLEGE.

1. *Resolved,* That we request the Trustees of Centenary College to organize at their next meeting, so that the Joint Board of Trustees and Visitors shall be composed in such manner as

that one-half of the Trustees and one-half of the Visitors shall be nominated by the members of the Board who are now members of this Conference.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this conference forward to the Joint Board of Trustees and Visitors of Centenary College, a copy of the above resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Visiting Committee to Centenary College report at the next session of this Conference what action has been taken on the subject by the Joint Board.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Q. 20.—What is the action of the Conference on the subject of Sabbath Schools?

A.—The following report, from the Committee of the Whole, was adopted:

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Find themselves limited, in the expression of their views, to a mere comparison of statistics between last year and this, and such reflections as are legitimate therefrom. It has been usual to supply this Committee with material proper for such a report, but by some means we have been neglected; not because the sentiments and practice of either preachers or people are indifferent to a cause meriting the deliberation and careful attention of a specially appointed Committee by your Body.

It is much easier and more likely that the institution may be underestimated than overrated. Aye, not without a carefully-directed attention and close application of thought, will we be able to detect the inti-

mate relations and inter-flow of influence, of sympathy, and life, between the Sabbath School and the Church; not until the streams of young, fresh, and vigorous life, which these unsuspected fountains supply, are turned into the channels of the Church, will we be able to approximate an estimate just to the real value of the Sabbath School. There are certain habits of individual character which readily discover even the hidden plans of the man's heart, and often shows the plodding, silent worker to be possessed of a sublime idea and grasping the salient points of a glo' rious destiny. In such cases the agencies and materials employed by him have been deemed useless by others. Study him, and learn with what felicitous enthusiasm he enters into and comprehends the sublime plans of Jehovah.

Such is our estimate and conception of the minister of our holy religion. It matters not where his lot is cast, how obscure and unpromising his field, who comprehends the value, and the beauty, and promise of childhood. It is not the humanity of the man, but the glorious faith of the preacher who breathes his soul's richest compassion upon the germs of a coming generation, and the infant members of an ever-progressive Church. God bless the preacher whose heart is so fully in the Church as to make her future even as her present; who, in the midst of an adult and dying membership, enlarges in the Sabbath School the circle of successive membership. He, after toil that others shrink from, and after labor that others dread, at last, from a commanding point, even the mountain's top, beholds—the scene, the mystery, the issues of human life; he touches the fountains which supply the fertilizing and beautifying streams that glide down the mountain's side, and meander through the vale whose borders are fringed with the hopes, the beauties and the sweets of life. He, with tremendous voice, essays thus early to ascend the scale of that grand diapason with which Heaven and earth are preparing to close the history of redemption. Without pursuing further thoughts which invite us, we present to you the comparative statistics.

Summing up the whole matter, and reducing it to practical reflection:

The New Orleans District shows a handsome gain throughout, except in the case of officers and teachers, where one less is shown than last year.

The Opelousas District shows a loss of eight schools and five hundred and one volumes from the library.

Monroe District improves slightly upon the figures of last year. The indications are, that no field will yield a richer harvest to the industrious and inventive preacher.

The Homer District sustains a loss throughout, except in the case of pupils and Sunday School Visitors. Why this falling off? Can anything suggest more painful and humiliating reflection than the depreciation of

institutions which lie so near the heart of the Church? We know not the difficulties under which the preachers labor in this District; still we cannot repress a desire to know the cause, nor a sense of regret for the loss we have sustained, and the other losses which these suggest.

The Shreveport District keeps up her figures, except in the instance of the Sunday School Visitor; forty-eight less have been taken than last year. Wherefore this falling off? Did we not promise to increase our efforts to circulate the children's paper? We have taken the pains to bring under one view all the parts of the Sabbath School that our statistics present, in order that our brethren may see where improvement is possible, and by the effects of the comparison be stimulated to renewed and persistent endeavors to advance the Sunday School cause in the Louisiana Conference.

This report having been concurred in by the Committee of the Whole, in Lay Session, they recommend to you its adoption, with the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Publishing Agent be requested to issue an edition of the Sunday School Visitor, with the imprint of New Orleans, for distribution throughout the State.

2. *Resolved*, That the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools in the Louisiana Conference be requested to present each scholar, who regularly graduates in the Catechetical Series of our Church, with a certificate bearing the seal of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That our Superintendents of Sabbath Schools offer to all their teachers, as well as their pupils, the discretion of a regular course in our Catechisms.

4. *Resolved*, That within a month of each Annual Session of our Conference, the Superintendents make a report to the Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools in the Conference, which report shall contain the accurate statistics of the schools, with the time and place of their annual examinations, the number of certificates conferred, and the full name of each graduate.

5. *Resolved*, That the Conference appoint a committee to secure the means necessary, and have prepared and published a suitable certificate of graduation, and have them kept in full supply at the Depository in New Orleans.

W. E. M. Linfield, John C. Keener, and Joseph B. Walker, were appointed as the Committee to secure the objects contemplated in the fifth resolution.

COMPARATIVE VIEW OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERPRISE IN THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEARS 1859–60.

MONIES COLLECTED.	1860.	1859.	Difference.
New Orleans	$1,257 00	$997 78	$257 22
Opelousas District	226 80	223 15	3 65
Monroe District	327 50	67 18	260 32
Homer District	37 50	52 00	less 14 50
Shreveport District	278 00	162 50	115 50
Lake Providence District	477 45	80 00	397 45
	$2,604 25	$1,582 61	$1,034 14

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.	1860.	1859.	Gain
New Orleans District	117	109	8
Opelousas District	12	20	less 8
Monroe District	37	15	22
Homer District	14	17	less 3
Shreveport District	16	14	2
Lake Providence District	13	7	6
	109	82	gain 27

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	1860.	1859.	
New Orleans District	203	204	less 1
Opelousas District	88	101	less 13
Monroe District	197	70	gain 127
Homer District	93	106	less 13
Shreveport District	96	73	gain 23
Lake Providence District	69	41	gain 28
	746	595	151

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.	1860.	1859.	Gain.
New Orleans District	1,505	1,289	216
Opelousas District	479	423	56
Monroe District	900	334	566
Homer District	461	449	13
Shreveport District	444	300	144
Lake Providence District	400	205	195
	4,189	3,009	1,180

NUMBER OF VOMUMES IN LIBRARY.	1860.	1859.	Gain.
New Orleans District	9,280	6,472	2,808
Opelousas District	2,200	2,701	less 501
Monroe District	3,285	2,650	635
Homer District	1,785	2,125	less 340
Shreveport District	2,904	2,050	854
Lake Providence District	6,050	750	5,300
	25,504	16,748	8,756

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS DISTRIBUTED.	1860.	1859.	Gain.
New Orleans District	1,030	615	415
Opelousas District	212	190	32
Monroe District	136	79	57
Homer District	156	50	106
Shreveport District	287	335	less 48
Lake Providence District	119	2	117
	1,940	1,271	669

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 1860.

New Orleans District.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teach'rs	No. of Scholars.	Colored Children Catechized.	No. of Conversions.	Vols. in Library.	Sabbath School Visitors taken.	Money for Sab. School purposes.	Money col'td in Sundry Schools for Missions.
Carondolet street Church	1	40	240	...	...	1500	150	$210 00	.....
Felicity street Church	1	38	300	...	12	1800	150	400 00	.....
Moreau street Church	1	31	300	...	...	3500	200	139 68	.....
First German Mission	1	26	160	...	...	380	250	197 00	.....
Second German Mission	1	20	100	...	...	450	20	71 00	....
Third and Fourth German Mission	2	...	75	...	...	...	80	.....	.....
Jefferson City	1	11	100	...	..	300	50	120 00	.....
New Orleans Circuit	3	19	115	...	...	500	80	.....	.....
Wesley, Soule, and Winan's Chapel	3	3	...	30	...	...	...	.....	.....
Baton Rouge	1	15	150	...	...	800	50	120 00	.....
Plaquemine and Gross Tête	2	...	25	...	...	50	....	.....	.....
	17	203	1505	...	...	9280	1030	1257 68	.....
Opelousas District.									
Opelousas	1	7	50	...	...	200	30	25 00	.....
Opelousas Mission	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	.....	.....
Washington	1	6	25	...	....	150	...	17 00	.....
New Iberia	2	14	60	...	....	200	30	50 00	.....
Chicot Pass	....	...	...	....	....	...	...	.....	.....
Franklin	1	16	125	....	....	500	75	60 00	.....
Franklin German Mission	1	2	25	...	....	...	....	15 00	.....
Teche Colored Mission	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
Pattersonville and Brashear City	3	13	95	...	....	350	52	44 80	.....
Grand Lake	1	11	24	....	...	100	...	10 00	.....
Thibadoux	1	12	50	....	....	500	25	5 00	.....
La Fourche and Bayou Black	1	7	25	....	....	200	....	.....	.....
Atchafalaya	....	...	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....
	12	88	479	....	....	2200	212	226 80	.....
Monroe District.									
Monroe	2	8	32	....	...	230	...	.....	.....
Bastrop and Colored Mission	1	18	80	...	10	350	....	47 00	.....
Jefferson	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	.....	.....
Bartholomew	2	5	43	....	....	....	...	.....	.....
Ion	4	21	110	....	...	400	...	82 50	.....
Carroll	5	35	100	....	....	600	12	30 50	.....
Delhi	1	6	30	....	....	300	....	.....	.....
Columbia	5	35	123	....	...	465	9	80 00	.....
Alexandria	1	8	47	...	...	150	30	15 50	.....
Bœuf Mission	5	17	115	...	...	175	50	15 00	.....
North Rapides	5	20	80	...	...	250	35	24 00	.....
North Rapides Mission	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....
Salt Lake Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Evergreen	2	6	30	...	...	65	...	33 00	.....
Calcasieu	3	14	80	...	...	200	...	.....	.....
Grand Chenière Mission	1	4	30	...	...	100	...	.....	.....
	37	197	900	...	...	3285	136	327 50	.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

Homer District.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teach'rs	No. of Scholars.	Colored Children Catechized.	No. of Conversions	Vols. in Library.	Sabbath School Visitors taken.	Money for Sab. School purposes.	Money col'td in Sundry Schools for Missions.
Homer	7	47	253	...	....	650	...	.....	.....
Minden	2	13	40	...	...	175	...	$15 00	.....
Farmerville	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	.....	.....
Ouachita	1	6	35	...	...	300	...	.....	.....
Vernon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Dugdemona	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Winfield Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Montgomery	2	12	70	...	...	300	...	22 50	.....
Sparta	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
North Bossier	...	...	....	....	....	...	...	.....	.....
South Bossier	2	15	63	....	...	340	20	.....	.....
	14	93	461	...	...	1785	156	37 50	.....
Shreveport District.									
Shreveport	1	15	50	...	...	600	75	50 00	.....
Caddo	6	24	100	...	...	400	25	.....	.....
Grand Cane	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Mansfield	1	12	100	...	...	800	100	50 00	.....
Pleasant Hill and Colored Mission	2	23	91	...	...	854	24	150 00	.....
Natchiotches	2	6	28	...	...	...	13	.....	.....
Sabine	2	8	40	...	...	150	50	.....	.....
Red River and Colored Mission	2	8	35	...	...	100	...	28 00	.....
Lake Bisteneau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
	16	96	444	...	...	2904	287	278 00	.....
Lake Providence District.									
Providence and Bunch's Bend	1	8	35	...	...	1200	4	135 00	.....
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	.....	.....
Richmond	2	12	120	140	14	500	30	275 00	.....
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Waterproof	1	7	50	150	2	2300	30	50 00	$20 00
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	2	10	30	...	...	1600	12	.....	.....
Vidalia	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	.....	.....
Trinity	2	10	50	...	...	100	...	15 00	.....
Winnsboro	2	7	35	...	...	300	34	.....	.....
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Sicily Island Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Centreville	3	15	80	...	...	250	7	2 45	.....
	13	69	400	...	...	6050	119	477 45	.....

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Question 21.—What is the action of the Conference relative to Church publications?

Answer.—

Southern Methodist Publishing House.—From the exhibit, it will be seen that the Southern Methodist Publishing House is not only resting at present on a safe financial basis, but the present extent and activity of the business which it is doing promises much, and brightens the star of hope that it will soon be more permanently planted, and its business and usefulness greatly enlarged. The business capacity and energy of the present agent is in every way worthy of the work and end to be attained, and give additional strength to hope, by brightening the prospect of that consecrated enterprise of a Southern Methodist Publishing House. Therefore:

Resolved, That the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference severally, will give the Southern Methodist Publishing House such aid and comfort as may be found, 1st, in buying such books as are required to supply our people on our several works; and 2d, by endeavoring to settle, punctually, all just claims which the said Publishing House may have severally against us.

Sunday School Visitor.—This is a work worthy of its name. Wherever it goes, it is a welcome visitor. And coming once, it is not only expected to come again, but it is wished for. Our wives and children hail its coming, and the Sunday School is made glad by its presenee. Therefore:

Resolved, That we will continue to sustain it by making our part of the effort to enlarge its circulation to one hundred thousand subscribers.

The Christian Advocate.—This paper speaks for itself wherever it goes, and your Committee are of opinion that the best report they can make on this work is to circulate it. For it seems to be healthy and strong, and only needs to be seen to make its own and most favorable report. Therefore:

Resolved, That we will stand by it and help it on its way to a more extended circulation, and greater usefulness.

Home Circle.—This work is a good one, and is worthy of its circle; and conducted as it is, that circle should compass every home. Therefore:

Resolved, That we will endeavor to enlarge and make the circle of its circulation as wide as possible.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.—This ably edited periodical is still alive, and from the report of the General Agent, it is evidently breathing more freely than it did one year ago, But it has not fully recovered, so as to go abroad in the fullness of such financial health and strength as is needful for a work of this sort. Therefore:

Resolved, That we will continue our efforts to circulate and sustain it.

NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—The following exhibit of the Joint Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate will show the financial condition of that paper for the year ending November 1, 1860:

Expenses of publishing the Advocate for the year		$14,985 17
Receipts from subscribers	$11,584 75	
Receipts from advertising	3,393 08—	14,977 83
ASSETS — Exclusive of amounts due by subscribers —		
Cash	$ 324 64	
Presses, engine, paper, etc	3,061 94	
Debts due by advertising	3,290 82—	$6,677 40
LIABILITIES —		
Owed for borrowed money	$2,008 11	
Sundry small debts	342 58—	2,350 69
Excess of assets		$4,326 71

The Committee also report 8000 subscribers, and 500 agents and exchanges; making 8500 copies of the Advocate that go out weekly from the city of New Orleans. This organ, standing as a sentinel for the Church at one of the most important points in the world, and giving the signal to more than eight thousand subscribers every week, ought to be ably conducted and cordially sustained. We have every confidence in the ability, the energy, the piety, and the tact of its present editor; and we bid him "God-speed" in his efforts to make the Advocate a religious journal in the highest sense of the term. Our Conference is deeply interested in the success of the Advocate, as a powerful auxiliary in defending the doctrines of the Bible as held by us—in promoting morality and education, and in sustaining all the interests of truth and Methodism within our bounds. Therefore:

Resolved, That we cordially recommend the New Orleans Christian Advocate to our people as an able religious journal, worthy of their patronage; and that we will labor diligently to extend its circulation and collect its dues.

Resolved, That for the benefit of our periodicals, it shall be

the duty of each member of the Conference having charge of a Circuit, to append to his statistics the number and names of the postoffices in the bounds of his work.

JOINT PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

John C. Keener, Joseph B. Walker, and Linus Parker, were appointed members of the Joint Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, on behalf of the Louisiana Conference.

EXHIBIT OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.

ASSETS:

Real Estate		$55,000 00
Stereotype Plates	$57,393 77	
Less 10 per cent	5,739 37	51,654 40
Steel Plate Engraving, Woodcuts, Casts, etc		7,202 50
Fixtures, Presses, Type, Furniture, etc. (cost rates)		51,612 58
Copyright		150 00
Sheet Stock		10,172 72
Material (in New Metal, Plaster and Paper)		8,205 36
Merchandise		51,355 76
Bills Receivable		62,984 66
Book Accounts		75,487 12
Due from Tract Society		30,587 36
" Richmond Depository		24,145 89
Due on Nashville Subscription		4,495 18
New Orleans Depository		7,305 40
Furniture in office		400 00
Cash		1,609 00
		$442,367 93

LIABILITIES.

Book Accounts	$35,545 61
Bills Payable	77,572 82
	$113,118 43
Which leaves a balance in favor of the house of	$329,249 50

REPORT OF THE NEW ORLEANS DEPOSITORY.

To the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository respectfully present the following report of their labors during the past year:

The Depository was purchased from J. P. Harrison on a cash basis of $15,000, and payments made as collected up to May 1st, 1859, when a settlement was had, and a balance of $5,500 found due, in payment of which, the Trustees executed their note, bearing eight per cent. interest, and secured by mortgage on the premises, payable twelve months after date of May 1st, 1859.

At our last report, Dec. 9th, 1859, the sum of $388 16 only had been paid on the note, leaving a balance, with interest, of $5,300, to meet which, the Trustees held subscriptions and notes amounting to $7,074.

During the past Conference year there has been paid the further sum of $2,300, making the total payment on the note of $2,688 16, leaving a balance, including interest due on the 1st of November, 1860, of about $3,300, to meet which the Trustees yet hold notes and subscriptions to the amount of $5,289, to-wit:

Part due in 1858		$1,449 50
" " 1859		3,139 50
" " 1860		700 00
		$5,289 00

The Trustees had hoped, after the Resolutions of the Conference, at its session, December, 1859, which they printed and sent forth to the subscribers, that little delay would be had in collecting the amounts due.

Soon after the adjournment of Conference, the notes were placed in hands of faithful persons, clerical and lay, favorable to the Depository, for collection, and of the $7,074, part due, we have been able to realize only $1,785, leaving yet due the sum of $5,289.

The Trustees are convinced that a great portion of these obligations can never be collected unless some more efficient plan be put in operation than has yet been pursued.

Mr. Harrison yet holds the note, and though he does not wish to force payment, he is desirous to have the matter closed up, and is pressing us for payment of the balance.

It should be paid; and the Trustees submit these facts for the consideration of the Conference, that some means of relief may be devised.

The following exhibits amount of receipts for the year, and show how they have been expended.

Methodist Depository, New Orleans,

In account with W. H. FOSTER, *Treasurer.*

CR.		
By Balance on hand last report, Dec. 9, 1859.....		$ 285 00
" Subscriptions collected since.....	$1785 00	
" Rent " "	625 00	
" Interest and subscriptions and rent.....	30 50	
" Deduction on paving bill.....	21 99	
		$2,462 49
		$2,747 49
DR.		
To Cash paid paving bill.....	$ 231 99	
" " " J. P. Harrison on Depository note.....	2,300 00	
		$2,531 99
Balance, cash on hand, Nov. 21, 1860.....		$215 50

(E. & O. E.)

All which is most respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Trustees.

W. H. FOSTER, Treasurer.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21st, 1860.

BIBLE CAUSE.

QUESTION 22.—What is the action of the Conference on the Bible Cause?

ANSWER.—The following report from the Committee of the Whole was adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the Bible Cause, beg leave to report:

WHEREAS, The ever-blessed word of God, the Bible, which contains the

only and sufficient rule for a correct life and practice, is now being printed and published in nearly two hundred languages and tongues of the babbling earth;

And whereas, By and through the efficiency of the American Bible Society, together with our own South-Western Bible Society, located at New Orleans, nearly one million copies of Bibles and Testaments were put into circulation during the year 1859;

And whereas, Within our own bounds there are reliable instrumentalities at work, under the judicious management of the South-Western Bible Society, which promises at an early day to supply every destitute family among us with a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will coöperate with the American Bible Society in the distribution of the Bible in the several fields of labor assigned us.

Resolved, That we will recommend to our people, in our several charges, the adoption of the plan of the Board of the South-Western Bible Society for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and endeavor to enlist as many as we can in the good work.

REPORT OF MONEYS COLLECTED FOR THE BIBLE CAUSE DURING THE YEAR 1860.—Carondelet Street, by Rev. J. B. Walker, $50; Thibodaux, by Rev. R. A. New, $30; Columbia Circuit, by Rev. R. Porvin, $18; Lake Bisteneau, by Rev. J. H. Boult, $11 50; Waterproof, by Rev. W. J. McFarlane, $100; St. Joseph, by Rev. D. Adams, $1350; Centreville Circuit, by Rev. R. T. Parish, $4 50; Richmond, by Rev. Reynolds Trippett, $35. Whole amount, $1599.

UNION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES.

Resolved, That the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has no union with any society out of its own organization, except the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries.

TEMPERANCE.

QUESTION 23.—What is the action of the Conference on the subject of Temperance?

ANSWER.—The following report from the Committee was adopted.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of temperance, beg leave to report:

That we deeply deplore the prevalence of intemperance in our land; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we will continue to give our entire influence, by example and counsel to the promotion of temperance.

2. *Resolved*, That we will prudently yet firmly administer our discipline on this subject.

3. *Resolved*, That we discontinue our committee on temperance.

N. A. CRAVENS, *Chairman.*

MONUMENTS FOR DECEASED MINISTERS.

The Committee on Monuments reported that the remains of the following Ministers, who have labored in Louisiana, are resting without tombstones, or scarcely a board to mark the spot where they are buried:

Richmond Nolly, in Catahoula.

—— Brewer, at Cotile.

—— Jones, beyond the Calcasieu.

William Hines, at Donaldsonville.

—— Tinder, at the mouth of Bartholomew, in Ouachita Parish.

H. B. Page and two children, burnt on the Yellow Busha, opposite Bayou Goula.

William Tostrick, in New Orleans.

Jesse A. Guice, in Tensas Parish.

—— Bremer, in New Orleans.

Jones H. Waters, in Vermillion Parish.
W. H. Turnley, in Catahoula.
Alexander M. Whitney, near Chaneyville.
R. L. Childers, in Carrollton, Jefferson Parish.
Thomas H. Foster, in Baton Rouge.
W. Stephenson, in Bossier.

Resolved, That monuments of white marble, of uniform size and value, be raised to these brethren, with an inscription stating that it is raised by the Louisiana Conference, the place and date of birth and conversion, the date of admission into the traveling connection, the dates and places of successive appointments, the date and place of death, and the last text preached from.

Resolved, That the value of the stone be —— dollars, and the shape of the stone a solid, two feet square and four feet high, and placed upon a granite base.

Resolved, That each Preacher in the bounds of whose work any traveling Preacher may have died, shall ascertain the exact place where his remains lie, and forward a statement of the fact to the chairman of the committee, at New Orlerns.

J. C. Keener, J. B. Walker and H. N. McTyeire were appointed a Standing Committee on Monuments.

PREACHERS' FUND SOCIETY.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. C. KENNER, *Treasurer, in account with the Preacher's Fund Society of the Louisiana Conference:*

1861.		DR.
Jan. 8.—	To cash on hand at last report	$343 54
	To note of D. O. Shattuck for $240, with various credits, and interest on $139 20 from Dec. 7, 1843, to Jan. 8, 1859	329 45
	To note of J. Sanders for $60, with interest, from Dec. 18, 1844	136 80
	To note of R. M. Crowson, for $15, with interest, from Dec. 18, 1845	32 70
	To note of R. Spencer, from July 26, 1855, with interest	115 20
	To amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton (deceased) $897 83, with interest, from Feb. 10, 1857	1,183 87
	To note of J. H. Guerding, President, for $800 with interest from March 15, 1857 (10 months), $981 34, less interest $114	931 34
	To note of J. C. Hallburg, for $100, with interest, from Feb. 10, 1857	131 34
	To note of D. O. Shattuck for $52, with interest, from Jan. 7, 1848	106 02
	To note of R. A Stewart, for $349 44, due Jan. 6, 1859	409 28
		$3,719 54

1861		CR.
Jan 8.—	By note on hand of D. O. Shattuck, with interest	$329 45
	" " "	106 02
	" J. Sanders "	136 80
	" R. M. Crowson "	32 70
	" R. Spencer "	115 20
	By amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton, with interest	1,183 87
	By note of J. H. Guerding, with interest	931 34
	" J. C. Hallburg	131 34
	" R. A. Stewart	409 28
	" Jesse Fulton	81 00
	By cash on hand	262 54
(E. & O. E.)		$3,719 54

LEGAL FORM OF CORPORATIONS FOR CHURCH PROPERTY.

The following was submitted by the Committee on Ministerial support, and was ordered to be published in the Minutes:

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of ——— }

We, the undersigned, do hereby form ourselves into a Corporation, to acquire and enjoy the rights, privileges and powers of a body Corporate, under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, approved March 14th, 1855, entitled "An Act for the Organization of Corporations for Literary, Scientific, Religious and Charitable purposes.

ARTICLE I.

The title of this Corporation shall be [here insert the title of the Corporation].

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Corporation are to acquire and hold lands, houses, and other property, for the use and enjoyment of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who now hold, or may hereafter hold their membership at ———; it being especially intended to secure to the said Church members a house in which they may worship Almighty God, and the free use of the pulpit to the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and also to secure a Parsonage for their Minister.

ARTICLE III.

The domicil of this Corporation shall be at ———.

ARTICLE IV.

The members of this Corporation, a majority of whom shall

constitute a quorum, shall be a Board of Trustees, and they shall elect from among their number, at their first meeting, a President and a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are chosen. The Board of Trustees may remove these officers, and elect their successors, at any time, by a majority vote. The property shall be held, and suits brought and defended, in the name of the President and Trustees of the [here insert the title of the Corporation]. Citations shall be made upon the President, at his residence. In the execution of any deed or act of the Board of Trustees, the signature of the President shall be sufficient. Vacancies may occur in the Board, and shall be filled in the manner and by the authorities provided for the appointment of Trustees by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and this Corporation shall be governed by the laws and usages of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the laws of the State and the tenor and meaning of these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE V.

This Corporation shall continue and exist for ninety-nine years.

NOTE.—These Articles must be dated and signed in presence of two witnesses, by more than six members of the Methodist Church, and then taken to the District Attorney, who must examine and certify that it is in accordance with the law, and then the Articles must be recorded in the office of the Parish Recorder, after which the Board may meet, elect their officers, transact business, receive titles, etc.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN LAY SESSION.

Resolved, 1. That the Louisiana Annual Conference earnestly desire the coöperation of brethren, members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, to advance the several benevolent and financial interests which have heretofore been under the sole care of the Conference.

2. That it hereby pressingly invites each of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences within its bounds to select some one gentleman, a member of the Church, to attend at the place where the Annual Conference shall meet, to give aid and share in the Committee action of the Conference upon the cause of Missions —the cause of Education—the Sabbath School cause—the Church Publications and the Support of the Ministery.

3. That the Conference shall now appoint, from its members, the Chairmen of the several Committees on the aforesaid benevolent interests, who will be expected to prepare, during the year, a report for the various interest they represent, *excepting* the Committee on Missions, which shall meet and act with the Board of Managers on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

4. That on the afternoon of the first day of the Conference, the Conference shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and shall, together with the Committee men from the Quarterly Conferences, constitute the committee upon all the aforesaid benevolent causes. It shall elect a Chairman and Secretary to serve during the session of Conference, one of whom shall be a layman. This Committee of the Whole shall appoint sub-committees of not less than five nor more than nine, composed of preachers and laymen in the following causes, to wit: Missions, Education, Church Publications, Ministerial Supports, Sunday Schools, Tracts and Bible. The Chairman of said sub-committees shall be appointed

by the Conference, and the sub-committees shall meet promptly and attend to the business referred to them, and report to the Committee of the Whole, and to the Conference as soon as practicable.

5. That the preacher having charge of the Station or circuit where the Conference meets, be requested to make provision for the entertainment of the Committee men of the Quarterly Conference during the Conference Session.

6. That the rules regulating the Committee of the Whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a Committee of the Whole, in the following :

1. It shall elect its own President and Secretary.

2. It shall appoint sub-committees upon the subject matter of the committee.

3. It may limit discussion.

4. It may put the previous question.

5. And in this also ; that the Conference does not resume its session immediately upon the rising of the committee, but meets at its usual hour, and then the chairmen of committees make reports.

LAY COMMITTEE-MEN PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

New Orleans, Felicity street.....W. H. Foster.
Waterproof.....Zenas Preston.
Mansfield .....Prof. Stewart.
Baton Rouge .....W. H. N. Magruder.
Delhi .....A. E. Williams.
Winn .....John T. Bellamy.
Homer .....Eli K. W. Ross.
Grand Cane .....Jacob Kile.
Carroll.....J. A. Pugh.

CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES.

On Missions.....Joel Sanders, Pres. of Miss. Society
" Education.....William H. Scales.
" Sunday Schools.....William E. M. Linfield.
" Church Publications...Samuel B. Suratt
" Bible Cause.....Reynolds Trippett.
" Ministerial Support....Samuel J. Hawkins.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAY COÖPERATION.

Resolved, That a committee, composed of three members of the Conference, and three laymen, be appointed to perfect a plan of lay coöperation, and report to the Conference at its next session.

John C. Kenner, Anderson B. Fly, Benjamin F. Alexander, Members of the Conference ; and Dr. Charles G. Young, Zenas Preston, and William H. Foster, Laymen, were appointed on the Committee.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1861.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Committees.—A. E. Goodwyn, J. A. Ivy.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year*—English Grammar ; Hymn Book ; Composition.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Hymn Book; Quackenboss's Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric and Composition.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Hymn Book; Whateley's Rhetoric, Essay or Sermon; Reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Hymn Book; Whateley's Logic ; Sermon.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

Committee.—R. J. Harp; R. Trippett.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—Bible: historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preacher's Text Book.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Bible: as to the institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Bible: as to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

DOCTRINAL AND CONTROVERSIAL THEOLOGY.

Committee.—Linus Parker, S. B. Suratt.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—Vol. I of Wesley's Sermons; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Theological Compend.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Vol. II of Wesley's Sermons; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Committee.—J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—Discipline; Clarke's Preacher's Manuel.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis: Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Discipline.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Discipline; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History.

Committee for EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—John C. Kenner, Lewis A. Reed.

"All candidates for admission on trial into the Traveling Connection shall, in addition to their examination, before the Quarterly Conference, as required by the present form of Discipline, be examined by a committee of the Annual Conference

on the ordinary branches of an English Education, of their acquaintance with which they shall give satisfactory evidence previously to admission."—*Action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Session of* 1858.

GERMAN UNDER-GRADUATES.

Resolved, That those German Preachers who are now or may hereafter be received on trial shall be required to give satisfaction to the Conference on the course of study in the English language, as recommended by the Bishops.

TIME OF EXAMINATION.

Resolved, That the classes to be examined be required to appear before the Committees of Examination, at the seat of Conference, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the Monday preceding the opening of the Conference; and in case they fail to do so, without satisfactory excuse for non-attendance at the required time and place, they shall be continued in the same class another year

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

Resolved, That all the candidates for admission into the Conference, be required, at the time of their reception, to furnish the Secretary with a written statement, setting forth the date and place of their birth, their parentage, the time of their conversion, and when and where they were licensed to preach; and that the same be filed with the Records of the Conference.

Resolved, That all brethren becoming Members of the Conference, either by transfer, or readmission into the travelling connection, be requested to furnish a similar statement.

UNDER-GRADUATES.

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR.

Baxter Clegg,
Henry O. White,
Alansin W. Moore,
John W. Hearne,
John C. Faulk,

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

Baxter Clegg, William F. Alexander,
Thomas B. Baldwin,

CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR.

August Arnold, William McBeath,
Henry B. Frazee, John F. DeWitt.

CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

Robert T. Parish, John F. Wynn,
Whitmel P. Kimbal, Thomas J. Upton,
William D. Stayton, John H. Boult,
James T. Fontaine, Dabney P. Cullen,
Charles W. Hodge.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That the Preacher selected to preach the Conference Sermon, be elected by ballot, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered at the close of the Conference Sermon by the President of the Conference.

Anderson B. Fly was elected to preach the Annual Conference Sermon, and William E. M. Linfield alternate.

EXTENSION OF THE PASTORATE.

Resolved, That in view of the greater efficiency of our Ministry, and the general good of the Church, we, the Louisiana Conference respectfully memorialize the next General Conference, to extend the term of the Pastorate, discretionary with the Bishops, to *four years* instead of two.

Resolvad, That the above resolutions be submitted to the several Annual Conferences for their concurrence.

Resolved, That our several Presiding Bishops be, and are hereby, respectfully solicited to put the above resolution to the Conferences over which they may preside. (Adopted by a vote of thirty-two for them and twenty against them.)

THE WORD SOUTH.

Whebeas, the word *South*, appended to the name of our Church, is liable to misconstruction, and embarrasses us in many respects. Therefore :

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend the General Conference, at its next session, to remove it.

FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the third Friday in May be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

PROBATIONERS' CLASS-MEETING.

Resolved, That the Probationers be organized at once in a Class, to be lead by the Pastor in each charge, until the expiration of their probations, wherever practicable.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we tender the citizens of Baton Rouge our most hearty thanks for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Conference.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the Christian and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship.

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the Louisiana Conference, we, the Pastors and Members of the Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, tender our thanks to the Christian Church for kindness and Christian courtesy extended to us during the year, in the use of their house of worship.

Question 24.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Answer.—Alexandria.

Question 25.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Answer.—

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....*John C. Keener*, P. E.
Carondelet Street.....*Joseph B. Walker.*
Felicity Street.....*Linus Parker.*
Moreau Street.....*James E. Bradley.*
First German Mission.....To be supplied.
Second German Mission.....*John Pauly.*
Third German Mission.....*Frederick W. Tracger.*
Fourth German Mission.....August Arnold.
Jefferson City.....*Joseph H. Stone.*
Algiers.....To be supplied.
Laurel Street and Gretna.....To be supplied.
Carrollton.....*Henry Avery.*
Wesley, Soule, and Winan's Chapels..To be supplied.
Baton Rouge.....*William E. M. Linfield.*
Plaquemine.....*Arthur W. Smith.*
Gros Tête.....John F. DeWitt.
New Orleans Christian Advocate.....*Clayton C. Gillespie*, Editor.
Nashville Christian Editor.....*Holland N. McTyeire*, Editor.
Professor Centenary College.....*Almarin G. Miller.*

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....*Robert J. Harp*, P. E.
Opelousas and Colored Mission..... *Daniel S. Watkins.*
" " .....Alansin W. Moore.
Washington.....*Benjamin F. White.*
New Iberia.....*Robert R. R. Alexander.*
Chicot Pass.....John F. Wynn.
Abbeville.....*John S. Davis.*
Franklin.....*Alexander E. Goodwyn.*
Têche Colored Mission.....James T. Fontaine.
Pattersonville and Brashear City.....*Fisher T. Rawson.*
Grand Lake.....To be supplied.
Thibodaux and Napoleonville.....*Stephen J. Davies.*
" " .....*Robert A. New.*
Calcasieu.....*Joel Saunders.*
Grand Cheneire.....*Seaborn J. Graves.*
Houma and Tigerville.....William McBeath.
Bayou Rouge and Big Cane.....*Philo M. Goodwyn.*
Simmsport.....*Frederick White.*

MONROE DISTRICT.....*James A. Ivy*, P. E.
Monroe.....*Samuel Armstrong.*
Bastrop.....*William C. Young.*

Jefferson ..... *James L. Wright.*
Island and Wright Chapel..... *John A. Miller.*
Bartholomew..... *William J. McFarland.*
Ion ..... *John C. Pitts.*
Carroll..... Thomas J. Upton, John C. Faulk.
Delhi..... *Anthony Cannon, Wade H. Frost.*
Columbia..... *Robert Parvin.*
Alexandria ..... *Nehemiah A. Cravens.*
Cotile..... *Joshua F. Scarlock.*
North Rapides..... Robert T. Parish.
" Mission..... *Uriah Whatley.*
Evergreen..... *Uriah Riley.*
Agent for Centenary College ..... *William H. Scales.*

HOMER DISTRICT ..... *Richmond Randle,* P. E.
Homer ..... *Philip L. Henderson.*
Minden ..... *Samuel S. Scott.*
Farmerville..... *Thomas H. McClendon.*
Ouachita ..... *Richard M. Crowson.*
Vernon ..... Charles W. Hodge.
Dugdamona..... To be supplied.
Winnfield Mission..... John W. Hearne.
Montgomery Mission..... Dabney P. Cullen.
Sparta ..... Whitmel P. Kimbal.
North Bossier ..... *Jeptha Landrum.*
South Bossier..... *Baxter Clegg.*
President of Homer College..... *William D. Shea.*

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT ..... *Henry C. Thweatt,* P. E.
Shreveport ..... *Samuel B. Suratt.*
Caddo..... *Samuel J. Hawkins.*
" ..... William F. Alexander.
Grand Cane..... Thomas B. Baldwin.
Mansfield..... *James L. Chapman.*
Pleasant Hill..... *John Pipes.*
Natchitoches..... William D. Stayton.
Sabine ..... Henry O. White.
Red River..... *John C. Reid.*
Lake Bisteneau ..... *Jesse Fulton.*

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT..... *Anderson B. Fly,* P. E.
Providence and Bunch's Bend..... *Benjamin F. Alexander.*

Pecan Grove and Willow Bayou.....*Charles J. Hallberg.*
Richmond .....*Reynolds Trippett.*
Wesley Chapel.....*Joseph D. Adams.*
Saint Joseph.....Henry B. Frazee.
Waterproof.....*Thomas B. White.*
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapels..... { *William G McGaughey.* / *Philip H. Dieffenwerth*, sup'ry.
Vidalia.....*Fielding Bell.*
Trinity.....*Moses Davis.*
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg,.....*Lewis A. Reed.*
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg Miss..To be supplied.
Winnsboro' .....*Thomas J. Lacey.*
Centreville.....John H. Boult.

George J. Connor transferred to the Virginia Conference. *Charles W. Coursey* transferred to the Arkansas Conference.

SUPERANNUATED.—*Thomas Samford, David Kinnear.*

LOCATED.—*John W. Johnson, Elijah W. Griswold, John H. Boyd,* John W. Mann.